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### The Forty-Acre Farm.

I'm thinking, wife, of neighbor Jones, that man with stelwart arm.

Who lives in peace and plenty on a forty-acre

While men are all around us with hands and hearts a score, Who own two hundred acres, and still are want ing more.

He has a pretty little farm, a pretty little house; He has a loving wife within, as quiet as a mouse; His children play around his door, their father's

Looking as neat and tidy as the tidy little farm. No weeds are in the cornfield, no thistles in the

The horses show their keeping by their fine and glossy coats;

And the cows within the meadow, resting 'neath the beechen shade, Learn all the gentle manners of the gentle milking maid.

Within his field on Saturday he leaves no cradled grain, To be gathered on the morrow, for fear of com-

ing rain; He keeps the Sabbath holy-his children learn his ways-And plenty fills his barns and bins after the

barvest days. He never has a lawsuit to take him to the town, For the very simple reason there are no line fences dows;

bar-room in the village does not have for him a charm; I can always find my neighbor on his forty-scre farm.

His acres are so very few, he plows them very deep;

'Tis bis own hands that turn the sod, 'tis his own bands that reap; He has a place for everything, and things are in

their place; sunshine smiles upon bis fields, contentment in his face.

May we not learn a lesson, wife, from prudent neighbor Jones. And not-for what we have not-give up to sighs

and muaus? The rich ain't always happy, or free from life's niarms;

But blest are those who live content, though small may be their farms.

### "They All Do Lt." [Detroit Commercial Advertiser.]

There are few books that can boast of as much immorality within a space of four hundred pages as is implied in this little phrase, which has been placarded on the bill boards, and called into the ears of the public for the past year or two. It is the one sentence which takes the courage completely out of youth, searing its conscience as with a red-hot iron, and permitting despair to carry it off bodily iuto the depths of crime.

"Oh they all do it; why should not make dangerous. So it is with all of vegetables. them. There is no use in trying to be different from other people." That is the way the temptation comes to the young man, thrown on the world with little knowledge of its ways, and perhaps shielded only by the indulgent training of an over-fond mother. "People are grossly immoral. Even temperance advocates get drunk in private; church deacons swindle savings banks; all you see of morality is but a surface show. Beneath there is concealed wickedness. You will find world held up before his glowing imagination, and full of bodily health, plunges forthwith into what he believes to be "the world."

If the devil had concentrated all his cunning, during the centuries which a more powerful argument with which

as ever was conceived in the mind of man or devil. They don't "all do it." There are thousands upon thousands appetites, but to be true and noble and oak, etc., exist. high-minded. There are men who The luxuriant growth of rich native is at catchin'," The teacher told her would disdain to tell a lie. There are grasses found in this section renders it pund to take her seat.

men who would disdain to take an ad- pre-eminently a stock-raising country, vantage in trade, or do any other selfish or mean action. There are men other portion of the continent. The who try to be just, always, and kindly, precious metals and other mineral deboth in words and feelings to all. posits are known to exist in this sec-There are men who lead humble, unpretentious lives, and who, without their development will be rapid when making it known to the world, are do- railroads shall have been built across. ing a vast amount of good among their it .- Grocers' Price-Current. fellow men.

And strange to say, these men lead very happy lives, and, as a rule, very successful lives. While the unprincipled man may enjoy temporary success, sooner or later he will suffer for his lack of honesty. There are a thousand ways in which virtue avenges herself upon him. In one way or another he gets his deserts. You have youth, you are blessed with health of mind and body. There are plenty of criminals around you, it is true. But they are to be pitied, not imitated. Never believe that what some do, all do, but be in your own person a standing example of the falsity of the cry, "They all do it."

Texas. 25 degrees 50 minutes and 36 degrees 30 minutes, north latitude and longitude 93 degrees 30 minutes, and 107 degrees west. It embraces a territory of 274,365 square miles, or 177,587,-840 acres, and is by far the largest State of the Union. The following comparison will give some idea of the vast extent of this State; Texas is larger than France or Great Britain, and is four times as large as Maine, Be mindful; have your mind on your New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and lacks only 4,000 square miles attractions which some of the "boys" of being as targe as the combined area are thinking about. Take a pleasure of New York, Pennsylvania, Obio. in work; do not go about it in a list-

gradual descent from the northwestern boundary to the Gulf of Mexico. The coast counties are nearly level for 60 to 80 miles inland; the surface then becomes undulating, with alternate gradual elevations and depressions, and this feature increases as we proesed northwest, until it becomes hilly and finally mountainous in some of the far western counties; the highest ranges, however, do not attain a greater altitude than 5,000 feet. In the const counties the soil and climate are you?" that is the suggestion. "That especially adapted to the culture of man lies and cheats, and will commit the sugar cane, sea island cotton, rice, any crime which the law does not and many semi-tropical fruits and

The eastern portion of the State, including some eighteen counties, is heavily timbered, and from here are drawn nearly all the immense supplies of pine lumber required in the prairie portions of the State. The natural resources of this section are varied. In it are vast deposits of iron ore of excellent quality, and extensive beds of lignite. Large crops of cotton, valleys, and its uplands are noted for you must follow the multitude." And the production of fruits and vegetables. the youth, with the pleasures of the It is generally well watered by streams and springs.

Central and Northern Texas, though generally a rich prairie country, is by no means devoid of a sufficiency of timber for ordinary purposes, its numerous streams being fringed with a have clapsed since his ejection from large growth of forest trees. It is also Paradise, he could not have produced traversed by what is known as the upper and lower "Cross Timbers," a to conquer the soul of man than this, belt of oak, elm, and other timber, from one to six miles wide. This is But young man listen. That sen- the great wheat and grain-growing retence is a lie. As bese and foul a lie gion of Texas, and in this respect it is unsurpassed by any other section of the continent.

Western and Northwestern Texas of good, pure men and women in this are the great prestoral regions of the an inordinate dread of the small-pox, world, bad as it may seem, who are State, and include a vast domain of sent home a little girl because she said leading upright lives. They believe unoccupied land. The surface is gen- her mother was sick and had marks in a Delty, and in the commands of erally a high rolling table-land, water- on her face. The next day the girl virtue, and are going along with the ed by many creeks and ponds, but with presented herself at the school house. happiest results to themselves and little timber except along the streams, their neighbors. There are men who and on some of the hills and mount her little bonnet hanging by the strings think that they were put into this tain ranges in the western part, where and said to the teacher, "Miss-, world, not to gratify their own base forests of cedar, mountain juniper, we've got a leetle baby at our house,

and as such it is unexcelled by any tion of the State, and it is believed

### Put Life into Your Work.

A young man's interest and duty

both dictate that he should make himself indispensable to his employers. He should be so industrious, promyt and careful that the accident of his temporary absence should be noticed by his being missed. A young man should make his employer his friend, by doing faithfully and minutely all that is intrusted to him. It is a great mistake to be over-nice or fastidious about work. Pitch in readily and your willingness will be appreciated, while the 'high toned' young man who quibbles about what it is and what it is not his place to do, will get the cold shoulder. There is a story that George Washington once helped Texas lies between the parallels of roll a log that one of his corporals. would not handle, and the Greatest Emperor of Russia worked as a shipwright in England-to learn the business. That's just what you want to do. Be energetic, look and act with alscrity. take an interest in your employer's success, work as though the business was your own and let your employer know that he may place absolute reliance in your word and on your act. business; because it is that which is going to help you, not those outside North Carolina, Indiana and Illinois, less, formal manner, but with alacrity It is a vast inclined plain with a and cheerfulness, and remember that while working thus for others, you are laying the foundation of your own success in life.

### A Solid Acre of Silver-

One of the most remarkable mines in the California gulch is a lead three feet in thickness, the ore from which yields from 240 to 270 ounces of silver to the ton and like a coal bank in a stratification of limestone, dipping about 15 degrees. Two openings have been made at points 600 feet and sufficient ore is in sight to make millions of the "dollars of our daddies." The owners have gone far enough to know that there is a full acre of the ore in one solid body, and some conseption may be formed of the amazing riches of this discovery by a brief calculation of its dimensions. A cubic loot weighs 170 pounds and as the ore lies 12 cubic feet make a ton. There are 43,000 square feet which with 12 cubic feet to the ton, makes 10,900 tons, worth \$250 per ton, or the enormous value of \$2,700,000. The Crescent is another mine worked like a coal bed corn and other grains are grown in its the ore lying horizontally in the large room that has been opened, the roof being held up by heavy timbers, with very stout caps and tugging poles. The ore breasts from one foot to three and four feet, and occasionally very fine specimens of norn silver are found .--Rocky Mountain Tourist.

You are a coward, if afraid to tell the truth when you should do so. You are a coward, when you insult the weak. You are a coward, if afraid to do right, if you shrink from defending your opinion, from maintaining what you know to be just and good; and you are especially a coward, if you know certain things of yourself, and care not to own them to yourself.

A school teacher in Omaha, having with her fingers in ber mouth, and but mother told me to tell you that if